

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is in substitution for and replaces the amendment filed April 22, 2005.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments made above and the remarks that follow. A petition and fee extending the time for response to June 21, 2005, are attached hereto.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the indicated allowability of claims 10-12 if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Base claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 10 and intervening claim 9. Accordingly, claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom should now be allowable.

The objection to new claim 17 as presented in the amendment filed April 22, 2005, on the grounds that it raised new issues requiring further consideration and additional searching is in error. The objection was based on the language in lines 6-7 of that claim calling for “a plurality of spaced apart openings formed through said at least one wing in inwardly spaced relationship to said outer end edge”. However, this language was in original claim 4, which depended from original claim 1. That is, original claim 1 called for a marginal edge portion with an outer end edge and the openings formed through the marginal edge portion in spaced relation to the outer end edge. Claim 4, dependent from claim 1, called for a pair of marginal edge portions and further defined the marginal edge portions as spaced apart, opposed wings. Thus, the language objected to by the examiner in new claim 17 presented in the earlier filed amendment did not present any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration. This language was in the claims as originally filed, and in fact was in claim 10 that the examiner considered allowable, except that the marginal edge portion was not defined as a “wing”.


In any event, in order to advance the prosecution of this application and without any intention to give up the subject matter of claim 17 as presented in the earlier filed amendment, applicant has cancelled earlier presented claim 17.

New claims 17 and 18 presented with this substitute amendment depend from allowable claim 1 and do not present any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration.

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This application should now be in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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